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(57) Abstract			
Insecticidal compositions are described comprising an essential oil obtained from a plant selected from the genera <i>Salvia</i> , <i>Artemisia</i> , <i>Citrus</i> , <i>Juniperus</i> , <i>Laurus</i> , <i>Myristica</i> , <i>Origanum</i> , <i>Piper</i> or <i>Aloysia</i> . The essential oil may be in a gel carrier, an aqueous alcoholic vehicle or a vehicle based on an alcohol/vegetable oil mixture. The compositions are particularly useful for ridding humans and animals of parasitic infestations such as lice and mites as well as for treatment of furnishings, clothing and plants.			